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POLICE INVESTIGATE DEATH IN NORTH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an incident on January 26, 2008 that resulted in the death of a 36-year-old male.

On January 26, 2008, at about 5:40 p.m., Sevan Kevorkian, his girlfriend, and a male roommate were inside the two bedroom apartment they share on Hamilton Street in North Park. Kevorkian went into his bedroom and did not come out for a period of time, prompting his girlfriend to check on him. The girlfriend found Kevorkian hanging by the neck from the pole in the closet. Although Kevorkian was unresponsive, she was able to cut him down and revive him.

However, Kevorkian became combative, and he began to pull his girlfriend around the bedroom by the hair. A couple who were pulling up in their vehicle to visit someone who lived on the block saw Kevorkian assaulting the woman through the bedroom window, which overlooks Hamilton Street. The male half of the couple climbed through the bedroom window and placed Kevorkian in a carotid restraint, rendering him unconscious for a second time.

Kevorkian was transported to a trauma center, where he died last night at 11:58 p.m. An autopsy will be performed on Kevorkian this morning.

When the investigation is complete, detectives will present the facts to the District Attorney's Office for review. The male who assisted Kevorkian's girlfriend was questioned and released on the night of the incident.

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